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This letter responds to your unsolicited proposal to create supercomputer capability for this and other Federal agencies.

We too are concerned that the U.S. retain its leadership in the computer field and believe that we should not depend on any other country for supercomputers. The challenge of the Japanese computer industry should be taken seriously, but it may be too soon to conclude that we are falling behind. An assessment of U.S. capabilities and intentions is needed to better evaluate our relative positions. We know of several efforts underway to assess U.S. supercomputer requirements and developments for the next decade.

We have reviewed the proposal in accordance with the provisions of Section IV, Part 9 of the Defense Acquisition Regulation and conclude that the Government-wide scope of your proposal suggests that it should be considered by the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering, Dr. Richard D. DeLauer. We have discussed the supercomputer problem with his office, and they are developing some United States plans. NSA would like to be part of such a government-wide effort, but we believe it should be directed by Dr. DeLauer's office. Accordingly, a copy of your proposal is being provided to Dr. Robert S. Cooper, Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA).

We appreciate your interest in this important subject and your timely proposal.

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